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Dear Legislator:

My name is Michele Compton, and I am the owner of Michigan Interlock, LLC, an ignition interlock (BAIID) provider for the state of Michigan, which is located in Oakland County. In addition I am the former Executive Director of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) for SE Michigan.

It is from these two vantage points that I urgently write you today regarding a very destructive bill that will pass through your committee – SB637. I am fearful that if passed SB637 would negatively impact the future of my business and industry, hundreds of other ancillary businesses throughout Michigan, consumers of this proven technology, Michigan jobs and the safety of our roadways.

My main concerns are as follows:

- The Bill calls for eliminating all mobile service technician jobs. Without the availability of mobile technicians many consumers are faced with an impossible task to abide by the law. How can they legally drive to a service center if they do not have a valid driver license or a licensed/insured vehicle when to do so requires that they must first show proof of BAIID Installation. In addition there are many mobile installers that will lose their livelihood if this Bill is passed a Bill that provides barriers to users of BAIID's and regulates out jobs cannot be good for Michigan.
- The Bill also requires that all services must be performed only at Michigan certified "repair shops". BAIIDs are electronic devices that are best installed by 12V-trained technicians, working work out of "12V shops." This Bill would prohibit hundreds of these small businesses from working in the industry and it would provide fewer local options for consumers. Also, we would be de-certified if we could not find a State licensed repair shop within 50 miles of every resident in the State. A bill that takes revenue away from hundreds of small businesses and hampers availability of BAIIDS to consumers cannot be good for Michigan.
- NHTSA has updated the standards on BAIID units and this Bill would require that all units be brought up to code. Of course we are willing to update our equipment, but the timeline of 6 months is absurd. The economic hardship to my business alone would run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars this must be grandfathered in over a period of several years. A bill that could place a small entrepreneur under such economic stress that it could put him out of business and its employees out of work cannot be good for Michigan.
- The most oppressive part of SB637 is the capricious way that it allows the SOS to arbitrarily pull my certification (put
 me completely out of business) at any provocation. Small business owners such as myself would have to live in
 constant fear that by the swipe of a pen their business along with the jobs of their employees is gone <u>This is</u>
 government at its worst and cannot be good for Michigan.

In closing, if given the opportunity, we can satisfy the Secretary of State's concerns but not in this short time frame. Let's do the legislation correctly and hold it over to 2015. If called upon to vote on SB637 I urge you to vote no.

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